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SUBJECT: ASSYRIAN AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

REF: BEIRUT 1395 (NOTAL)

TUNIS FOR FSO HARLIE SMITH

ATHENS FOR INS PAPPAS

ROME FOR INS FALCHER

1. DEPT. AND INS CONCUR PROCESSING FIRST TRANCHE ASSYRIAN
AND ARMENIAN REFUGEES IN BEIRUT.

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2. FOR ATHENS: INS DESIRES PAPPAS, INS/ATHENS, TO PROCEED

BEIRUT ASAP. DON SUTTER IS BEING TRANSFERRED DAMASCUS. THEREFORE, NEA/EX REQUESTS CONSULAR OFFICER FSO-6 KARLA SMITH IN ATHENS IN EVACUATION STATUS ALSO TO RETURN BEIRUT ASAP. ARRIVALS SHOULD BE COORDINATED BY CABLE WITH EMBASSY BEIRUT.

3. FOR BEIRUT: MUCH OF PREPROCESSING WILL BE DONE BY INS. FINAL PROCESSING OF DEPENDENTS RECEIVING NON-PREFERENCE VISAS MUST BE DONE BY CONSULAR OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH

A 6539 OF OCT. 20, 1975. ALL PREPROCESSING OF DEPENDENTS, HOWEVER, WILL BE PERFORMED BY INS. THUS, DEPT. BELIEVES CLERICAL PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY PROBABLY ADEQUATE TO THIS TASK EVEN THOUGH NOT EXPERIENCED IN CONSULAR WORK.

4. FOR GENEVA: WHILE WE PERSUADED PROCESS FIRST TRANCHE AT BEIRUT TO ASSURE AVAILABLE CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS FULLY UTILIZED, WE CONTINUE BELIEVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO IMMEDIATE MOVEMENT OF REMAINDER TO SAFEHAVEN LOCATION FOR SUBSEQUENT PROCESSING. THUS REQUEST MISSION CONTINUE PRESS FOR SPEEDY DEVELOPMENT SAFEHAVEN OPERATION. KISSINGER

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